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Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1888. 363

## NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG  
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Deposits in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business; is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 75

## Intimations.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 207.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE YANTZEE.

NOTICE is hereby given that—an account of a recent Survey of a Section of the Southern Entrance to the Yantze having shown that a Middle Ground or Shoal, from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile in width and having from 6 to 18 feet of water on it, stretches nearly 7 miles in a South-easterly direction from a point N. 64° E. distant 2½ miles from the Kiu-toan Beacon, and that the Channel to the North-eastward of this Middle Ground is wider, deeper, and more direct than the one on its South-western side—the following Changes have been made in this vicinity:—

KIUTOAN LIGHTSHIP.  
This vessel has been moored in 4 fathoms off the South-western Edge of Blockhead Shoal, with the Kiu-toan Beacon bearing S. 71° W. distant about  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles.

MIDDLE GROUND UPPER BUOY.  
A red and black vertically striped Buoy, surrounded by a black diamond-shaped Cage, has been moored on the South-eastern end of the Middle Ground in 3 fathoms, with House Island Beacon bearing N. 22° W. distant about  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles.

MIDDLE GROUND LOWER BUOY.  
A red and black vertically striped Buoy, surrounded by a black diamond-shaped Cage, has been moored on the South-western end of the Middle Ground in 3 fathoms, with House Island Beacon bearing N. 22° W. distant about  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles.

BLOCK-HOUSE SHOAL BUOY.  
This Buoy, No. 2 in the published List for 1888, has been removed.

Vessels entering by the Channel to the North-eastward of the Middle Ground may now keep the Tongue Lightship bearing S. 55° E. till she is 8 miles distant, and then steer to pass 2 cables to the South-westward of the Kiu-toan Lightship; after which they may steer to make a course N. 50° W. till the Small Kiu-toan Beacon bears S. 46° W.

All bearings and courses given are magnetic, and the depths are for low water spring tides.

CAUTION.  
Vessels should not attempt to pass to the North-eastward of the Kiu-toan Lightship in her present position.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,  
Coast Inspector,  
Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Coast Inspector's Office,  
Shanghai, 1st May, 1888. 736

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INSURANCE, FREIGHT, AND SHIPPING ATTENDED TO.

MESSRS. DORAEJEE & HING KEE,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

NOTICE.

The Rating Ordinance, 1888.

The Valuation List (Victoria) for 1888-89 is open to inspection at the Treasury for twenty-one days, commencing from Monday, 7th May. Extracts may be taken.

This Valuation will be in force from July 1st, 1888, to June 30th, 1889.

The last day for appeal to the Supreme Court will be MAY 26th. Notice stating the grounds of Appeal in each case must also be sent to the Assessor on or before that date.

The Valuation Lists for Kowloon, the Peak and the Villages will be on inspection later on, of which due notice will be given.

Where the Valuation of any Tenement has been altered from that now in force, the Assessor has sent notice of such change to the Owner, if his address is known, or if not, to the occupier, with a request that he will hand the same to the Owner. The omission to serve such notice does not invalidate the rate, or form any excuse for not appealing against any assessment within the prescribed time, viz., MAY 7th to 26th, 1888.

All Owners or Occupiers interested in rateable property should therefore inspect the Rate Book within this period.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Assessor.

TREASURY, HONGKONG,  
1st May, 1888. 735

N O T I C E .

THE WONG-NEY-CHONG DAIRY FARM having Received by the Steamer *Changsha*, a supply of Milk Cows from Newcastle, Australia, is now prepared to Supply the General Public with PURE COW'S MILK (guaranteed), at 9 CENTS per Ordinary Pint, (reputed), deliverable to order, ANYWHERE within the Colony, between 6 A.M. and 10 P.M.

Orders sent direct to WONG-NEY-CHONG DAIRY FARM, or to the care of Mr. V. BANENBERG, at H. M. Naval Yard, will be promptly attended to.

Hongkong, April 23, 1888. 588

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG, DISPENSARY, on

MONDAY, NEXT, the 14th Instant, at 8.30

for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, May 8, 1888. 746

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG,  
No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FAIR

MASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 8.30

for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, May 8, 1888. 747

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Hongkong, May 8, 1888. 749

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

#### WINES, &c.

##### F O R S A L E.

SHERRIES.—SAUCONNE HELICON, MANZANILLA and AMONTILLADO. CHOICE OLD BROWN SHERRY.

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BURGUNDIES.—CHAMBERTIN, CHARLES, NUITS, MUSIGNY, MOULIN A VENT, BRAUNE and POMMARD.

HOCKS.—BOURKEHED and HAUT SAUTERNE.

CHAMPAGNES.—AYALA and OTHER BRANDS.

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WHISKIES.—SCOTCH HIGHLAND CREAM, DUNVILLE'S, IRISH, and OLD BOURBON.

RUM.—OLD JAMAICA, RED HEART.

GIN.—SWAN BIRD'S, RED TOM and VAN HOUTEN'S GENEVA.

LIQUEURS.—CHARTREUSE, CHICAGO, MARSHALLO, D.O.M., NOUVEAU, CHERRY BRANDY, CHERRY CORAL, GINGER BRANDY, and GINGER WINE.

VERMOUTH.—NOVELTY PLATE and TOFINO.

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BASS'S Draught Ale and WHITBREAD'S Draught Stout.

Hongkong, April 11, 1888. 589

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 8, 1888. 754

N O T I C E .

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 11, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 26, 1888. 1458

P O S T P O N E M E N T .

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A SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE in Richmond Terrace, containing 6 Comfortable Rooms, 3 Bath Rooms, and convenient Out-Offices.

A NEW STOREY has just been added to the Servants' Quarters.

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Hongkong, April 24, 1888. 608

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GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Meers, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st August.

Apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,  
Hongkong, May 2, 1888. 604

## Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS OF TWENTY PER CENT. upon Contributions for the year 1887 has this Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 5th Proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, April 19, 1888. 604



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FRANGIPANI PUDIUM

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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

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AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Special Collection of the Latest LONDON

PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the

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REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, can honor-

forward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR

CASH, at No. 3, PEEL STREET, at the same

prices as at the REFINERY; or Retail

Orders will be delivered at addresses in

town on applicants forwarding their Monthly

Requirements in writing direct to the

REFINERY at East Point.

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1128

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON

WHARF AND GODOWN COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS

DISCHARGING, BOMBAY COT-

TTON AND GOTTON YARN AT THE KOW-

LOON WHARVES will have FIRE STORAGE

for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent

of 3 Cents per bale per month will be

Charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

CENTRAL EXCHANGE 13, PRAYA CENTRAL.

THE above Company's EXCHANGE is

NOW OPEN for Telephonic Com-

munication.

Rate of Subscription is \$80 per Annum,

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Material of all descriptions kept in stock

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ELECTRIC BELLS a specialty.

Houses fitted up and kept in order at

most Moderate Prices.

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Sale or Hire.

AGENTS for ELECTRIC LIGHTING,

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Estimates furnished free.

HAROLD DOWSON,

Agent.

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, August 24, 1887. 1018

RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN

FOMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR

This Article, which has been reprinted from the China Review, contains one of the best Sketches of Formosan Life yet written.

A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, \$1—at MESSRS. LANE,

CHAPMAN & CO.'S, and MESSRS. KELLY &

WAHL, LIMITED, Hongkong; also, Mr. N.

MCALLISTER, Amoy.

Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 363

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

Moderate Fees.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

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(Formerly Attached APPRENTICE and LAT-

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At the urgent request of his European

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(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 60

## Notice of Firm.

## NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 15, 1888.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

NOTICES to Consignees.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Antenor.

Captain GRIZZI, will be despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Agents.

Hongkong, May 9, 1888. 730

NOTICE.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship Chintu.

ARTHUR, Commander

will be despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Agents.

Hongkong, May 9, 1888. 742

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

S.S. Zambezi, from KOBE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo, are hereby

notified that the balance of the Cargo

undelivered in the Steamer's side is now being

landed at their risk and expense on

HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN Co.'s Godown, at Kowloon, and unprotected by Fire Insurance.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 4, 1888. 725

NOTICE.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEW-CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Kungsang.

CAPTAIN SLESSAR, will be despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, May 9, 1888. 757

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

(The Co.'s Steamship Polaris.)

CAPTAIN ROACH, will be despatched for the above on

FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 9, 1888. 755

NOTICE.

# THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 7710.—MAY 9, 1882.]

(From Singapore Papers.)

**ADMIRAL RYDER'S DEATH.**

LONDON, 2nd May.—Admiral of the Fleet Sir Alfred P. Kyd, K.C.B., fell into the Thames yesterday at the Pinfield pier, and was drowned.

**THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S HEALTH.**

The latest bulletin states that the Emperor is languid, suffering from headache and increased coughing. (We have since received news that he is better.)

TIN.

Has further declined to \$10.

**THE ACCIDENT TO THE PRINCE OF NAPLES AT HOME.**

HOME, 2nd May.—A dynamite shell exploded during Artillery practice at Rome, injuring H. R. H. the Prince of Naples slightly on both thighs.

**LOUAI AND GENERAL.**

PASSED SUIT CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Dedomeni*, March 2; *Athene*, 3; *Port Adelais*, 13; *Principia*, 16; *Northern*, 27; *Yorkdale*, April 3; *Devonshire*, 3; *Wearmouth*, 5; *Laeris*, *Nekar*, *Glaes*, 24; *Bodrophon*, *Glyndwr*, *Melbourne*, 27; *Ammonius*, *Medea*, *Yarabut*, *Reina*, 28; *William Bartholomew*, May 1; *Chingon*, *Badmire*, *Brook*, *Clydes*.

HOMeward.—*Bohemian*, 1; *Christensen*, April 13; *Glenroy*, 17; *Cardiganshire*, 20th; 24; *Respira*, *Innsmouth*, *Tremulus*, May 1.

The steamer *Sindhu*, with the FRENCH Mail, of April 7th, left Saigon on Monday, the 7th instant, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 14th inst. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on Feb. 29.

The P. M. Co.'s *s.s. City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the American Mail, of April 14, is to leave Yokohama on Saturday, the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 10th inst.

The steamer *Verao*, with the English Mail, of April 13th, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 9th May, at noon, and may be expected here on Monday, the 14th May. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on March 7th.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana Co.'s steamer *Briosa* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd May, and may be expected to arrive on or about the 9th May.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 4th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst.

The Union Line steamship *Metapedia*, from London, left Singapore on the 4th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 11th inst.

The Glen Line steamer *Ganges*, from London, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

The Shore Line steamer *Monmouthshire* left Singapore on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

The steamer *Albany* left Singapore on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Cylops*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 7th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The P. & O. "extra" steamer *Kedgeree* left Bombay for Hongkong on the 3rd instant, at daylight.

The Canadian Pacific steamship *Particia* left Vancouver on 30th April for this port.

Our Share-list and Peking news will be found on the fourth page.

His Excellency and Lady De Veaux are to give a ball at Government House on the Queen's Birthday, 24th May.

The Hon. A. P. MacEwen and family left this afternoon for Homs by the German mail steamer *Bayern*.

THERE is a comet careering in the heavens just now, which is said to be visible in these latitudes. Can the Government Astronomer tell us anything about it?

Misses Butterfield & Swire inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Cylops*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 7th inst., and is due here on the 13th instant.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. Co. informs us that the Company's steamer *Verao*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore for this port at noon.

SEVEN pirates, four Annamites and three Chinese, were executed at Haiphong on the 5th inst. Some of the executioners did not perform their work well; and the scene was rather brutal.

A coolie named Lau Cheung was brought before Mr Sercombe Smith in the Police Court to-day, charged with throwing dynamite cartridges into the harbour for the purpose of killing fish. He was fined \$5 or 10 days.

We are requested to state that unless the French mail is on shore by 7.30 to-morrow morning it cannot be delivered much before three o'clock. Unless the mail arrives very early, only the letter portion will be delivered before the departure of the outward packet for Europe.

PANG Sung, the master of a junk, was charged before Mr Sercombe Smith, in the Police Court to-day, with anchoring his vessel in the harbour at night. He admitted the charge and was fined \$5, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment. A boarding-house runner and a boatman were charged with unlawfully boarding the S. S. *Despot* and were fined \$10 each or three weeks' imprisonment.

Bronx Commander Runsey, R.N., Harbour Master, at the Harbour Office to-day, a man named Chan Shan Fat, master of a fishing boat, was brought up for not having a licence. Defendant was found in his boat near Cape D'Aguilar by Sergeant But in and on his licence being demanded produced one whose term had expired and also a special permit which was worthless from the same reason. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

It further evinced that he was wanting to prove the gradual growth of Takasima coal, in the estimation of consumers, the fact that shipments of cargo a d bunker coal last month aggregated 47,018 tons, should we think, be convincing proof. The largest amount shipped in one day was 4,000 tons, an amount hitherto unprecedented in the history of the mine, and probably by far the greatest quantity of any one kind of coal ever handled in one day in the East. The amount shipped was distributed as follows:—

Hongkong.....	11,125 tons
Singapore.....	8,100 "
Shanghai.....	6,500 "
Yokohama.....	5,018 "
Kobe.....	1,430 "
Wladivostok.....	1,012 "
Total Sales, Bunkers, &c., No. 13,334	"
Total.....	47,818 tons

The CHINA TIMES says.—Just now, when cholera is more or less rampant here, it is satisfactory to find that the authorities are alive to the wisdom of the prompt detection and heavy punishment of the sellers of rotten fruit and unwholesome fruit. The danger of inducing in overripe fruit was strikingly exemplified here last week by the sudden death of the Cashier of the Borneo Company, Limited. After this man had eaten two slices of mango, cholera set in, and the next day he was a corpse.

The Shanghai Courier says.—We regret to hear that telegraphic news has been received of the death of Mr G. E. York, the founder of the well-known establishment of Messrs. T. Weeks and Co. Mr York was one of the best business men in his line that ever came to the East, as is proved by the fact that he left Shanghai twelve months ago with an ample fortune, and in Shanghai he has a large circle of friends who will deeply regret that he has not lived long to enjoy the fruits of his labour.

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Chinese immigrants by *Afghan* to Victoria—naturalization papers presented by Chinese immigrants claiming to be naturalized British subjects have nearly all cases been found to have been issued to others than the estimable holders, attempting consequently fraudulent evasion of poll tax, the consequent being Government strictly enforcing Acts under order in Council passed under Public Health Act rendered vessels from Hong Kong, Singapore, &c., liable to detention by health officers.

This telegram was delayed in transmission owing to misdirection.

The CHINA TIMES says.—The latest Cholera returns show that the number admitted to Hospital has been 88. Of these 49 have died, 24 been discharged, and 15 remain in Hospital. The epidemic now shows every sign of being at an end. The decrease of deaths from cholera in the Jail after the migration to St. John's island points to overcrowding as the exciting cause. When the number of prisoners reached one thousand, every cell was occupied, until, from want of room, many had to be crowded into the halls of the prison. The designers of the Jail had apparently never contemplated the increase of crime which has put such a strain on the prison accommodation. We hope additional blocks now building have been designed on different lines. As stated the other day, fresh fish has come under suspicion as a cholera bringer. Not only has it been excluded from the dietary, but disinfecting measures have been actively taken in the Jail with marked beneficial results.

The CHINA TIMES says.—A very sensible letter to the *China Mail*, signed "Conciliation." The writer says that all the trouble might have been avoided if the Government had taken the trouble to explain the new regulations to the coolies. But this was not done, and the regulations are so ambiguous in the English version and presumably more so in the Chinese translation of them, that the alarm of the coolies is not to be wondered at. The Regulations say that every coolie has to report to the Registrar every time he changes his abode. The majority of these coolies have no fixed abode. They sleep sometimes on the boats, sometimes in their club-houses, or in the streets, or on other boats, and they naturally object to having to go to the Registrar every time they sleep in a fresh place. We do not understand why the coolies in Hongkong are not under head-men—as they are here—who would be responsible for the men, so that all this fussiness with the men themselves might be avoided.

The CHINA TIMES says.—The San Francisco correspondent of the N. C. *Daily News* says:—We notice that Captain Bisbee, the Harbour Master, has obtained a well-merited leave of absence, and that Mr E. V. Brown has been appointed and assumed to-day the duties of Acting Harbour Master.

A FIRE broke out in the Kyoritsu Theatre at Koga on the 22nd ult., and destroyed more than 160 houses, including a police station. On the previous day a fire broke out at Kurokawacho, in which 49 houses, including a district office, an elementary school, and 2 godowns, were destroyed.

RUSCO-CHINESE RAILWAYS.—According to statements in the Russian papers, negotiations are about to be opened with reference to the construction of three great Russo-Chinese railways. They are the Semipalatinsk and Shanghai, the Chita and Peking, and the Kalgan and Peking.—*Japan Gazette*.

ACRINO Judge for Japan.—H. B. M. Chargé d'Affaires has, we learn, appointed temporarily, Mr J. Carey Hall, to be Acting Judge of H. B. M. Court for Japan, and Mr John Harrington Gibbons to act as H. M. Consul at Yokohama, until the arrival from Shanghai of Mr George Jamieson, Acting Judge.

It appears that the grounding of the *Bismarck* in Shimonoseki Straits was due to the Captain's not being able to understand the remonstrances of the Japanese pilot, and being unwilling to move his ship as the weather at the time was very thick; and the pilot will not have to undergo any enquiry.

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The CHINA TIMES prints the following communication from the Luton Chamber of Commerce on the subject of frauds in the straw-braid trade:—

12th March, 1888.

The Luton Chamber of Commerce beg to call your attention to the following most serious complaints regarding Chinese straw-braid, which were made by members at a meeting of Directors held on Saturday, 25th February, 1888.

—That in a large number of cases it is found that the width of braid varies from 5 to 7 millimetres in the same piece; but that this is not distinguishable, as the inferior only has this variation.

—That the quality varies in still greater de ree, so that the outside of the piece affords no criterion of what may be found in the inside.

—That the quality of the plait in general has of late immensely deteriorated, causing most serious complaints from Manufacturers; and that it is not possible to judge from the samples on account of the difference in widths and qualities even in the same bale.

—That, although the Chefoo district has complied with the request as to length previously issued, the Tientsin produces have not yet come to the 18-inch folding imitated upon; and therefore it is imperatively demanded by the buyers that such a state of things shall be remedied without further delay.

They therefore respectfully request buyers to discontinue the purchase of short length parcels by calling public attention to the same.

—That the shipments of straw-braid from China—both from Shanghai as well as Tientsin—are, without exception, subject to "casing" to such an extent as to make them utterly unsatisfactory; and that, unless these fraudulent practices are speedily abolished, it is certain that dealers will absolutely refuse to become purchasers, and turn their whole attention to Italian, Swiss, and English plait, the producers of which are showing great care to secure a genuine article.

Signed on behalf of the Luton Chamber of Commerce.

JOHN L. WRIGHT, President.  
WILLIAM BOYLE, Secretary.

After drawing attention to fraudulent practices in wools, hides, skins and feathers exported from Tientsin, our contemporary says:—"The stock of straw-braid of all kinds now in Tientsin is unusually large, and much of it comes within the consignment of the Luton Chamber of Commerce. A large portion of the stock will now, in all probability, go to Shanghai for sale. We trust that the foreign merchants of that port, as well as here, will seize the opportunity now afforded to them of convincing the Chinese dealers that fraudulent practices must be discontinued, so that the trade may once more be placed on a sound and honest basis. A proclamation against these frauds has been issued by the Magistrate of the Nan-ku district.

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Dr. Edkins read a paper at the last meeting of the Oriental Society on the Poetry of the Chinese during the period between 300 B.C. and 200 A.D. The paper will be published in the Society's transactions. A discussion followed, in which Drs. Martin and Dodge and Messrs. Jordan and Haucock took part. Dr. Edkins covered the ground of Chinese poetry during five centuries. Poets began to write vigorously in the age of Mencius, and in the period of the contending states, Chi-yuen and Sung-yu were the chief among them. Chi-yuen was a moral poet, dealing with the passions and with mythology, and had many qualities of a great poet. The Marquis d'Hervey de St. Denys in his elegant translation has underlined his powers. Sung-yu, pupil of Chi-yuen, was a landscape poet. He was stirred by the Yangtze gorges and other features of the picturesque witnessed by him in the same region. In the Han dynasty there was a long series of eminent poets. Si-ma-siang-ju described hunting. Chi-zi was alarmed like Edgar Poe by an ill-omened bird coming to his house and wrote a poem on it. A princess wrote a poem on her desolate life in Tartary, where she had been sent to be wife to the Usun king. Mei-cheng wrote a poem to show that the teaching of the sages, Confucius and others, was so salutary that on one occasion it cured a sick prince. The Pan family, father, son and daughter, all wrote a very curious poem on the flute, simply because the harp, clarinet and other instruments had been the subjects of poetry, while the flute was neglected. It was pointed out that four of the greatest poets of China, including Li-tai-po, had been born in Szechuan, showing that the effect of beautiful scenery in youth is very powerful in stimulating the poetic powers. Dr. Martin agreed in the view that Chi-yuen was a great poet and said that the poem of Chi-zi on the ill-omened bird had also reminded him very strongly of Edgar A. Poe's Raven and it struck him as very remarkable that an American poet should have so nearly the same thought and similitude as a Chinese poet of antiquity.

Dr. and Mrs. Mirabol of the French Legation have left for *la belle France*, and Mr. and Miss and Master Garvin Denby for the United States. Col. Denby and Mr. Charles Denby, junior, go as far as Shanghai with the departing members of the family and thereafter make a tour of the ports for a few months. If the Democratic party in America should gain the next election of President, we look forward some eighteen months hence to see Mrs. and Miss Denby once more in our midst. Nearly all the foreigners in the Legations turned out to see them off, and as is the custom, fire crackers were let off to frighten away evil spirits from doing harm on the journey. The American Legation is being put into good repair—a concrete footpath front—an avenue of trees along the footpath and the whole white-washed and painted. We have succeeded in getting the authorities to remove one objectionable *pavéte* manufacture under our very noses. Other reforms are needed of a like character, but the difficulty is to get the foreigners to act together. It is to be hoped the authorities themselves will bestir themselves to make the foreign quarter less of a bazaar for filth than it unfortunately now is. An extended stable yard is still a not inappropriate description of Legation Street. We hope the example set by the American Legation will become infectious. The French and Russian Legations did a good deal last year towards footpath improvement within the jurisdiction of their own Legations. We have already lost not a few of our chief residents and have had very few arrivals, and are not yet at the end of the exodus. Messrs. Kup and Ford, students of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., have left. Mr. Howat has arrived to take over charge of the Hongkong Bank and Mr. Addis goes home via Australia on leave. We shall miss the late genial and accomplished agent of the Bank who has been a social power in our little community. Several of the new students have arrived at the Customs. 27th April.

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